

*Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to maintain these principles in Congress, and to use their influence to secure their adoption by the executive government; and to present these resolutions to their respective branches of the government.

Approved, March 17, 1870.

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## NUMREB XI.

### HOMESTEAD SETTLERS.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Asking for the Relief of Homestead Settlers.

WHEREAS, Numerous persons have made homestead settlements, paid entry fees, and received their certificates on lands in the State of Iowa, then held in market by the United States Land Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa, subsequent to an act of Congress approved, June 2d, 1864, entitled "an act to amend an act" entitled an "act making a grant of land to the State of Iowa in alternate sections to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the State," approved, May 15th, 1856; and have in good faith, made valuable improvements upon said lands, and occupied the same for five years, as required by the homestead laws; and

WHEREAS, By said act of Congress, said homestead lands have been granted to certain railroad companies therein named, thereby defeating the claims of said settlers; therefore

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best efforts to secure the passage of a law of Congress, granting adequate relief to such homestead settlers.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, March 17, 1870.